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Applicant : Frederick Marcel Van Der Vliet
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MULTIMODE INTERFERENCE WAVEGUIDE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

Please preliminary amend the application as follows. Amended paragraphs and a version of all pending claims and their current status are presented having necessary markings to show the changes made in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper